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ORIGINAL: ARABICLETTER DATED 30 MAY 1985 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ
TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

With reference to the letter dated 24 May 1985 addressed to you by the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran and to the text of the letter annexed thereto addressed to you by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Iranian régime (S/17217), I have the honour, on instructions from my Government, to state that the Iranian position as recorded in the said letter, and the letter is not alone in this respect, involves a gross inconsistency. On the one hand, the Iranian authorities, in a tone of complaint and faint reprimand, call upon the Security Council and the United Nations to take practical steps to maintain international peace and security. On the other hand, the Iranian authorities reject the jurisdiction of the Security Council and the United Nations in the Iraq-Iran conflict and their competence to pass judgement thereon. This is only proof of the malicious intent of the Iranian leaders and of their persistence in exploiting the United Nations for propagandistic purposes alone, thereby requiring it to exercise caution in dealing with this perverse Iranian approach.

Iraq has often declared that it accepts the jurisdiction of the Security Council and of the United Nations in the dispute, and that it accepts their judgement thereon. This is the logical position and one in keeping with the Charter of the United Nations and in harmony with Iraq's membership of the Organization and its acceptance of international law as a basis for solving the conflict.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Riyadh M. S. AL-QAYSI
Permanent Representative
